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Eco Cloud
Heads in the Clouds Hat



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This little hat knits up in a jiffy. Cascade's lovely new Eco Cloud yarn makes it soft and warm and oh so cuddly. Slipping the stitches that form the Os of the cable on the rows before they are twisted lifts them up and provides a cable that almost looks layered, like tiers of cirrus clouds.

Materials: 1 skein of Eco Cloud Yarn. Pictured hat is color #1804. Size 8 and 9 needles, 16 inch circular for both and double points for 9s only **OR SIZE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN GAUGE.** Marker.

Gauge: 9 sts to 2 inches in pattern.

Size: This hat should fit almost all woman. To make it in a man's size increase 8 sts. (Pattern is a multiple of 8) and work an extra 1/2 inch before shaping crown. To make it for a child, decrease 8 sts and work 1/2 to 1 inch less before shaping crown. Feel free to adjust depth of ribbing on any of the sizes, the important measurement is depth when crown shaping begins.

Glossary:

SL = slip stitch purlwise with yarn in back.

TR = insert right needle in usual knit direction into 2nd st, knit that st but do not slide off needle, K 1st st and slide both sts off needle.

TL = insert right needle into back of 2nd st, knit that st but do not slide off needle, K 1st st and slide both sts off needle.

KFB = Knit into the front and back of stitch to increase one stitch.

DIRECTIONS:

"With smaller circular needle cast on 80,(88) sts. Place marker and join in the round being careful not to twist stitches. Work K2, P2 ribbing for about 1 1/4 inches. Change to larger needle. Set up row: Knit row increasing 10 (8) stitches evenly spaced around row. (90 (96) stitches. Begin pattern:"

The pattern: Multiple of 6 sts, 8 rows

Rows 1, 3, 5 and 7: P1, K4, *P2, K4 repeat from * to last st, P1.

Row 2: P1, K1, SL2, K1, *P2, K1, SL2, K1, repeat from * to last st, P1.

Row 4: P1, TR, TL, *P2, TR, TL, repeat from * to last st, P1.

Rows 6: P1, SL1, K2, SL1, *P2, SL1, K2, SL1, repeat from * to last st, P1.

Row 8: P1, TL, TR, *P2, TL, TR, repeat from * to last st, P1.

Repeat rows 1 to 8 until hat measures about 6 inches from CO edge. End with a Row 8. The pictured hat has 4 repeats of pattern.

Shape crown:

The shaping of the crown is a little more complicated than most hats but if you watch what is happening with the pattern, it should be fairly intuitive. The decreases are worked only on every other row on odd rows. On even rows, observe the distribution of sts carefully to be sure you are maintaining the pattern. By decreasing this way, the pearl ribs between the cables fade away into the stockinette top of the hat.

Dec. row 1: P2tog, in every other pair of 2 P sts. Work next pattern row,

Dec. row 2: P2tog in the remaining pairs of 2 P sts. Work next pattern row.

Switch to DPNs now or after one more decrease row.

Dec. row 3: At start of every other cable, K2tog (the first Cable st and a single P st. Work next pattern row.

Dec. row 4: At start of remaining cables with a P in front, K2tog. Work next pattern row. 60 (64) sts remain. (For men's size only, work one knit row decreasing 4 stitches evenly around.)

You now have no purl sts left and no more pattern. The rest of the top of the hat is worked like most beanie-type hats, decreasing 10 sts on each decrease row:

Dec. row 5: *K4, K2tog, repeat from * to end of row.

K 1 row even.

Dec. row 7: *K3, K2tog, repeat from * to end of row.

K 1 row even.

Dec. row 8: *K2, K2tog, repeat from * to end of row.

K 1 row even..

Dec. row 9: *K1, K2tog, repeat from * to end of row. Do **NOT** work an even row.

Dec. rows 10 and 11: *K2tog, repeat from * to end of row.

Cut yarn leaving about a 9" tail. Thread yarn onto tapestry needle, pass it through the remaining sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.